

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product against theft, in which a security unit has a monitoring mode in which theft protection is active such that a theft attempt will cause the ~~system~~ security unit to switch to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and optical alarm is activated, the method comprising:

deactivating, in the monitoring mode, a receiver housed in the security unit outside of the commercial product; and

activating the receiver when the security unit is shifted to the alarm mode.
2. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1, wherein the alarm mode is terminated when the receiver receives a signal from ~~the~~ a transmitter.
3. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1, wherein the security unit has an on-state mode in which the receiver is activated and wherein the ~~system~~ security unit is shifted from the on-state mode to a connect mode in which theft protection is not active when the receiver receives a signal from the transmitter.

4. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 3, wherein the receiver is deactivated when the security unit shifts to the connect mode.
5. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 3, wherein, in the connect mode, the security unit is prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode.
6. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 5, wherein the security unit is shifted from the connect mode to the alarm mode if ~~it~~the security unit is not prepared within a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode.
7. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 3, wherein the security unit is placed in the on-state mode when ~~it~~the security unit is switched on.
8. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product against theft, in which a security unit is connected to a central unit via connectors, and in which the central unit has a monitoring mode, in which theft protection is active such that a theft attempt will result in a

shift to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and an optictal alarm is activated, the method comprising:

deactivating, in the monitoring mode, a receiver that is housed in the central unit outside of the commercial product; and

activating the receiver when the central unit is shifted to the alarm mode.

9. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein the alarm mode is terminated when the receiver receives a signal from a transmitter.

10. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein the central unit has an on-state mode, in which the receiver is activated and wherein the system is shifted from the on-state mode to a connect mode in which theft protection is not active when the receiver receives a signal from ~~the~~ a transmitter.

11. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 10, wherein the receiver is deactivated when the central unit shifts to the connect mode.

12. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 10, wherein at least one of the security unit and the central unit are prepared in the connect mode for a transfer to the monitoring mode.

13. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 12, wherein the central unit is shifted from the connect mode to the alarm mode if at least one of the security unit and the central unit have not been prepared within a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode.

14. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 10, wherein the central unit is shifted to the on-state mode when ~~it~~ the central unit is switched on.

15. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein ~~the a~~ transmitter transmits a selection signal that is used to control at least one of termination the alarm mode and shift the security unit to a connect mode in which theft protection is not activated, the selection signal being received by the receiver.

16. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is used to terminate the alarm mode and the selection signal is used to shift the system to the connect mode ~~are the same~~.
17. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the security unit has an on-state mode in which the receiver is activated and wherein the alarm mode is not terminated if ~~a~~ the selection signal received during the alarm mode differs from ~~the~~ another selection signal ~~that was received by the system~~ security unit in the on-state mode.
18. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is encoded.
19. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is stored in the receiver in a volatile memory.
20. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the security unit and the central unit are switched off and on in series, ~~in order to subsequently transfer~~ a selection signal to the security unit and the central unit, respectively.

21. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein, to transmit the selection signal from the transmitter to the receiver, a remote operating system is used.
22. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is transmitted by a transmitter to at least one other transmitter.
23. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein one or more operating modes for at least one of the security unit and the central unit are indicated via at least one of an optical and acoustic signal.
24. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 23, wherein the at least one of the optical and acoustic signal is modulated based upon the amount of time remaining in ~~the~~ a time interval.
25. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein a status of a power source for at least one of the security unit and the central unit is monitored.

26. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 25, wherein at least one of an acoustic and optical signal is emitted based upon the status of the ~~energy~~power source.
27. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein at least one of multiple security units and multiple central units are operated using a single transmitter.
28. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1, wherein the security unit is equipped with a bracket component for mounting on the product, and wherein, in attaching the bracket component to the product, [[a]] monitoring of the bracket component for proper attachment to the product is activated.
29. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 28, wherein the security unit is equipped with a mounting component that is connected to the bracket component via connectors, for fastening to a mounting point, and wherein, in attaching the mounting component to the mounting point, a monitoring of the mounting component for proper fastening to the mounting point is activated.

30. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 28, wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component to the product and attaching the mounting component to ~~the~~a mounting point, the monitoring is activated, wherein in at least one of the bracket component and the mounting component, a measuring loop that comprises at least one sensor is closed.

31. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 30, wherein when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component from the product, the mounting component from the mounting point and the bracket component from the mounting component, the measuring loop is opened.

32. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 28, wherein the security unit is connectable to ~~the~~a central unit via the connectors, and wherein, in the connection of the security unit to the central unit, a monitoring for proper connection of the security unit to the central unit is activated.

33. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 32, wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component to the product and

connecting the security unit to the central unit, the monitoring is activated, and wherein in the bracket component, a measuring loop comprising sensors is closed.

34. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 33, wherein, when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component from the product and the security unit, the measuring loop is opened.

35. (Currently Amended) Device for protecting a commercial product against theft, ~~comprising~~ comprising:
a security unit including a monitoring mode in which theft protection is active-, wherein a theft attempt will result in the security unit shifting to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and an optical alarm is activated, and
~~including~~ a receiver housed in the security unit, wherein the receiver is deactivated in the monitoring mode and activated in the alarm mode.

36. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 35, wherein the security unit has an on-state mode, in which the receiver is activated.

37. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 35, wherein the security unit has a connect mode in which theft protection is not active, in which the security unit is prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode.

38. (Currently Amended) Device for protecting a product against theft, ~~comprising~~ comprising:

a security unit connected to a central unit via connectors, the central unit including a monitoring mode in which theft protection is active and a theft attempt will trigger a shift to an alarm ~~mode~~ mode in which at least one of an acoustic and an optical alarm is activated; and

~~including~~ a receiver housed in the central unit, wherein the receiver is deactivated in the monitoring mode and is activated in the alarm mode.

39. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein the central unit is equipped with an on-state mode, in which the receiver is activated.

40. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein the central unit is equipped with a connect mode in which theft protection is

not active, in which and at least one of the security unit and the central unit is prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode.

41. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein the security unit is equipped with a bracket component for attachment to the product.
42. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 41, wherein a monitoring is activated via an attachment of the bracket component to the product.
43. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 41, wherein the security unit is equipped with a mounting component that is connected to the bracket component via connectors ~~and is intended for mounting~~ the unit to a mounting point.
44. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein a monitoring is activateable by attaching the mounting component to the mounting point.

45. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 41, wherein the security unit is connectable via connectors to the central unit, and wherein a monitoring is activatable by connecting the security unit to the central unit.

46. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein further including a transmitter that is designed configured as a remote operating system ~~is provided for that transmitting-transmits~~ signals to the receiver.

47. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein at least one of the security unit and the central unit comprises a volatile memory for storing a selection signal.

48. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein at least one of the security unit and the central unit is equipped with at least one of an optical and an acoustic signal generator.

49. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 48, wherein the at least one optical signal generators are generator includes ~~designed as~~ light-emitting diodes.

50. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 48, wherein the at least one acoustic signal generators are designed as generator includes piezoelectric transducers.
51. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein further including a housing that is at least partially translucent or transparent that houses of at least one of the security unit and the central unit ~~is at least partially translucent or transparent.~~
52. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein at least one of the bracket component and the mounting component are equipped with a measuring loop formed by at least one sensor.
53. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 52, wherein the measuring loop of the bracket component and the measuring loop of the mounting component are connected in series.
54. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 52, wherein the measuring loop is opened ~~[[up]]~~ when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component from the product, the mounting

component from ~~the~~ a mounting point, and the bracket component from the mounting component.

55. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 52, wherein the at least one sensors ~~sensors are~~ is designed as at least one of electrical sensors, capacitive sensors and optical sensors.

56. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 38, wherein at least one of the bracket component and the mounting component are provided with an adhesive layer for at least one of affixing the bracket component to the product and for affixing the mounting component to the mounting point.

57. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 56, wherein the adhesive layer includes a double-sided adhesive strip.

58. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 56, wherein the adhesive layer adheres more strongly to at least one of the product and the mounting point than to at least one of the bracket component and the mounting component.

59. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 56, wherein the adhesive layer is provided with a grip tab.
60. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 52, wherein the at least one sensor~~sensors are~~is integrated at least partially into the adhesive layer.
61. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein the receiver is housed in at least one of the mounting component and the central unit.
62. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein a battery compartment is provided in at least one of the mounting component and the central unit.
63. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 41, wherein the bracket component is provided with a first mounting point and a second mounting area, wherein the second mounting area is more flexible than the first mounting point.

64. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 63, wherein a material thickness at the first mounting point is greater than a material thickness at the second mounting area.
65. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein the mounting component is equipped with a retractor device.
66. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein the connectors are ~~designed as~~ include a cable.
67. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein the mounting component is at least one of suspendable and latchable in the bracket component.
68. (Previously Presented) Device pursuant to claim 43, wherein the mounting component and the bracket component are coupled by a magnet.